

**In the Specification:**

Page 1, between line 2 and 3, please insert the following: ✓

**B1** **BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**

1. Field of the Invention ✓

Page 1, between line 4 and 5, please insert the following: ✓

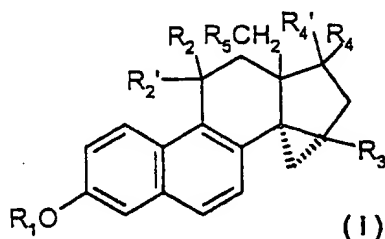
**B2** **2. Description of the Related Art** ✓

Page 1, between lines 16 and 17, please insert the following: ✓

**B3** **SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION** ✓

Page 1, last paragraph (starting line 19 to line 2, page 2), replace with the following paragraph: ✓

**B4** According to the invention, this objective is attained by forming equilenin derivatives of general formula (I)



wherein

R<sub>1</sub> denotes a hydrogen atom, a C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>5</sub>-alkyl group, a C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>5</sub>-acyl group or a benzoyl group,

R<sub>2</sub> denotes a hydrogen atom and R'<sub>2</sub> denotes a fluorine atom, a hydroxyl group or a C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>5</sub>-acyloxy group or R<sub>2</sub> and R'<sub>2</sub> together

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denote an oxo group,

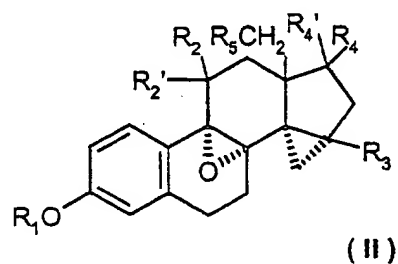
$R_3$  denotes a hydrogen atom or a methyl group,

$R_4$  denotes a hydrogen atom and  $R'_4$  denotes a hydroxyl group or a  $C_1$ - $C_{11}$ -acyloxy group or  $R_4$  and  $R'_4$  together denote an oxo group, a methylene group, a halomethylene group or a dihalomethylene group and

$R_5$  denotes a hydrogen atom or a methyl group.

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Page 5, first full paragraph (lines 4 to 14), replace with the following paragraph:



The cyclopropano steroids of general formula II

wherein

$R_1$  denotes a hydrogen atom, a  $C_1$ - $C_5$ -alkyl group, a  $C_1$ - $C_5$ -acyl group or a benzoyl group,

$R_2$  denotes a hydrogen atom and  $R'_2$  denotes a fluorine atom, a

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hydroxyl group or a C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>5</sub>-acyloxy group or R<sub>2</sub> and R'<sub>2</sub> together denote an oxo group,

R<sub>3</sub> denotes a hydrogen atom or a methyl group,

R<sub>4</sub> denotes a hydrogen atom and R'<sub>4</sub> denotes a hydroxyl group or a C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>11</sub>-acyloxy group or R<sub>4</sub> and R'<sub>4</sub> together denote an oxo group, a methylene group, a halomethylene group or a dihalomethylene group and

R<sub>5</sub> denotes a hydrogen atom or a methyl group,  
are new and have previously not been described.

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Page 5, second full paragraph (line 15 to 24), replace with the following paragraph: ✓

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Particularly preferred, are, for example, the following cyclopropano steroids:

- 1) 11 $\alpha$ -hydroxy-3-methoxy-14 $\alpha$ ,15 $\alpha$ -methylene-8 $\alpha$ ,9 $\alpha$ -oxidoestra-1,3,5(10)-trien-17 $\alpha$ -yl acetate,
  - 2) 3-methoxy-14 $\alpha$ ,15 $\alpha$ -methylene-8 $\alpha$ ,9 $\alpha$ -oxidoestra-1,3,5(10)-trien-11 $\alpha$ ,17 $\alpha$ -diyl diacetate and
  - 3) 3-methoxy-11 $\alpha$ -hydroxy-8 $\alpha$ ,9 $\alpha$ -oxido-14 $\alpha$ ,15 $\alpha$ -methylenestra-1,3,5(10)-trien-17 $\beta$ -yl acetate.
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